

The Smith Family Record

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**“And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”
Matthew 2:10**

Have you ever noticed that while you're *trying* to celebrate “peace on earth,” your own life become less-peaceful and tranquil? Let's face it; daily life consumes us, and it's only worse at Christmastime!

I'm reminded of the little chorus that says, “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.”

We hope that during this holiday season, you will make time to turn your eyes upon Jesus. Don't miss the “star” of Christmas!

Our New Ministry: A Quick Overview

We are excited about our new ministry, and anxious to begin ministering in the English-speaking islands of the Caribbean. This is a new field of opportunity for MTW, and the work is as unique and distinctive as the islands themselves. In Trinidad and Tobago, we are partnering with West Indian Covenant Ministries in church planting, theological education, and mentoring of church planters. (to page 2)

Merry Christmas



from the Smiths



Rev. MeGee and Ron on FM 98.1 “The Promise”

Rev. MeGee is with West Indian Covenant Ministries, which operates an accredited Bible college training pastors and church planters.

The Bible college currently has twenty students enrolled, most of whom hope to become church planters.

We want to encourage churches in the U.S. to send their pastors to Trinidad to teach seminar-style courses.

We also would like to have an MTW missionary with pastoring and church planting experience join us in Trinidad.

(ministry overview from page 1) In Grenada, we are coming alongside the historic Presbyterian Church of Grenada to help in leadership training and church revitalization. In Jamaica, we will be helping Christian business leaders learn to advance a biblical worldview and affect their culture, society and politics.



Pastor James with Rich Wolfe

On the island of Grenada, Pastor James shepherds three Presbyterian congregations and oversees four Presbyterian schools serving hundreds of students.

Pastor James would like to see the Presbyterian churches revitalized and reinvigorated by the Gospel. We want to assist him in training and equipping church leaders and mentoring them as they create and emplement various ministries in the churches.

We hope to involve short-term teams from the U.S. in ministries such as children's vacation clubs, youth and music ministries or construction and remodeling.



Above: the beautiful harbor and charming city of St. George's, Grenada.



Prayer Requests

The historic Scots Kirk in St. George's, built in 1830. Destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

★ Please pray for our spiritual growth, and for a deepening love and commitment to God.

- ★ Pray that God would increase in us hearts of service and humility in family relationships and among those we meet.
- ★ Pray for God to give us vision and direction in service to His Kingdom.
- ★ Ask the Lord to guide us to people and churches that will want to supply the additional support needed for ministry in the Caribbean.
- ★ Ask the Lord to provide for Allison to have an internship with a professional ballet company this summer.